

## The

# LOYOLA DRAMATIC SOCIETY

under the direction of

MR. JOHN READY

PRESENTS

ITS JUBILEE YEAR PLAY

# Traitors' Gate

Historical Play in Three Acts by

#### MORNA STUART

(Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French (Canada) Limited, Toronto)

# LOYOLA COLLEGE AUDITORIUM

MAY 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1946.

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# Program

#### GOD SAVE THE KING

MARCH—Coronation March, from Le Prophète, Giacomo Meyerbeer, 1791-1864

OVERTURE—The Heavens are Telling, from The Creation,

Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

### TRAITORS' GATE — ACT I

The living-room in Sir Thomas More's house in Chelsea.

Early April, 1534.

#### INTERMISSION

Waltz—Valse, Op. 64, No. 2 Frederic Chopin, 1810-1849
Suite—Danses from Henry VII Edward German, 1862-1936
Romance—The Erl King Franz Schubert, 1797-1828

# TRAITORS' GATE — ACT II

Scene 1—The living-room of the Clements' house, Bucklersbury, City of London. A few days later.

Scene 2-A room in Lambeth Palace, - 17 April, 1534

### INTERMISSION

INTERLUDE—The Crucifix

String Quartet—Ase's Death

Jean Faure, 1830-1914

Edward Grieg, 1843-1907

# TRAITORS' GATE — ACT III

Scene 2 — A room in the Tower of London. — May 1535

Scene 2 — The same. — June 1535

Scene 3 — The same. — July 1535

#### FINALE

O CANADA Loyola Victory Song

# Characters in Order of Appearance

DAME ALICE MORE (Thomas More's second wife) John Walsh Donald Brown PEG CLEMENT (More's adopted daughter) IOHN CLEMENT (More's adopted son and Peg's husband) John Buell MARGARET ROPER (More's eldest daughter) Donald Leahy WILLIAM ROPER (her husband) Hugh Power THOMAS HOWARD, Lord Norfolk Louis Fortin THOMAS CROMWELL, Secretary of State Joseph Roney SIR THOMAS MORE Francis Higgins DR. NICHOLAS WILSON (late chaplain to King Henry VIII) Robert Boyle THOMAS CRANMER (Archbishop of Canterbury) Robert O'Connell OFFICER OF THE GUARD Kevin Reynolds SOLICITOR-GENERAL RICH Paul Orr Eric Howard PALMER Kenneth Johnson SOUTHWELL

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Stage Manager Anthony Milledge
Lighting Rudolph Dollfuss
Prompter Kevin Reynolds
Props and Calls Stephen Clerk

Scene construction and shifting: Edward Caron, Hugh Kerrin, Stephen Clerk, Howard McCarney, Frank McGee.

Special Music composed by Dr. J. J. GAGNIER
Costumes by MALLABAR

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THOMAS MORE, who is one of the most highly esteemed laymen in all history, was born in London on February 6, 1478. After his early education at St. Anthony's School, he was accepted into the retinue of Cardinal Morton to learn the social usages of noble households, according to the custom of the time. At the age of fourteen he was sent to Oxford University and after two years' study became a lawyer apprentice at the London Courts. He was admitted to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn when he was eighteen.

At this time Thomas hesitated between law and holy orders, and for five years shared, as far as a busy lawyer could, the religious life of the Carthusians in their Charterhouse at London. Eventually he decided in favour of law, and due to his brilliance and industry rose rapidly. During this time he wrote UTOPIA and through this and other works of academic merit developed a firm friendship with Erasmus, the noted European scholar, and other leading Humanists of the day.

More was twice married, his first wife dying young, and had four children to whom he added several more by adopting them. Together they formed a household whose harmony and brilliance have become legendary. The eldest daughter, Margaret, was especially adept in Latin and Greek, writing letters to More's friends on the continent which gained her highest praise.

In 1529, More, having distinguished himself in the London law courts, succeeded Thomas Wolsey as Lord Chancellor, becoming one of Henry VIII's closest friends. Yet it was the "King's Matter" that was to bring about More's martyrdom.

This "King's Matter", the phrase then in current use, referred to the debatable issue of the validity of Henry's 'divorce' from Catherine of Aragon and of his leadership of the Church. Torn between loyalty to his king and country and the dictates of his conscience on a moral question, More resigned the chancellorship in 1532 on the grounds of ill health, having uttered no opinion on the matter, since silence could not be interpreted as treason.